WELCOME FALL

Hoping you survived midterms and are getting outside a bit to enjoy fall in the Hudson Valley. We are deep into election season and inside this newsletter, you will find some internship opportunities, and information about voting in New York and how you can become a poll worker and help with this important democratic right and ritual. The coming weeks are also an important pre-registration period and you should reach out now to your advisors if you have not yet, to schedule your appointment to plan your spring 2023 coursework. Seniors who anticipate taking one of the two spring seminars (in American Government or International Relations) should reach out to Jen Freer at freerj@newpaltz.edu to get on the list to receive electronic permission to register for the course. Seniors who need seminar to graduate in May 2023 have first priority.

The deadline for Spring semester NY State Assembly internship applications (due to Professor Lefkowitz) has been extended through October 26. Please reach out to Professor Lefkowitz at lefkowij@newpaltz.edu or to Internship Coordinator Beth King (kingb@newpaltz.edu) if you intend to apply. https://nyassembly.gov/internship/application/

If you have questions or need to speak with, you can always reach me at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu, or during my office hours (TUESDAYS 1-3PM and THURSDAYS 1-3PM) in SCB 133.

Kathleen Dowley, Chair, PSIR
The journal is intended to provide undergraduate students with an outlet to explore legal and political issues and to work alongside faculty and student editors to publish articles. They are accepting submissions from undergraduate students writing on contemporary topics in politics and law (broadly understood). **Submissions for this cycle must be received no later than October 15, 2022.** This is a great opportunity for students doing honors work, independent studies, or those who are getting ready for a senior thesis.

We ask that you kindly inform your students about this exciting opportunity. Further details regarding the submission requirements are available on our website: www.fairleighdickinsonuplj.org

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please email us at fairleighuplj@gmail.com
Upcoming Election in New York

The General Election for the state of New York is approaching, so here is some important information you may want to know!

**General Election Information**

**When is Election Day?**
Nov. 8, 2022

**What long are the polls open until on Election day?**
6am-9pm

**What was the voter registration deadline?**
In-person: Oct. 14, 2022
By mail: Oct. 14, 2022
Online: Oct. 14, 2022

**Is absentee / mail-in voting available to all voters?**
No.

**What is the absentee / mail-in ballot request deadline?**
In-person: Nov. 7, 2022
By mail: Received by Oct. 24, 2022
Online: Oct. 24, 2022

**What is the absentee / mail-in ballot return deadline?**
In-person: Nov. 8, 2022
By mail: Nov. 8, 2022

**Is early voting available to all voters?**
Yes.

**What does early voting begin and end?**
Oct. 29, 2022 - Nov. 6, 2022

**Are all voters required to present ID at the polls?**
No.

**Volunteering at the Polls**

**Eligibility to becoming a poll worker**
- New York State registered voter
- 17 years old or older

**Tasks as a poll worker**
- Preparing the polling site
- Setting up the voting equipment
- Sign-in and process voters
- Enforce social distancing
- Demonstrate voting procedures to voters
- Sanitize voting equipment
- Close polling site
- Canvass and report results
- Assist voters if requested

**Do poll workers get paid?**
Yes! Poll workers get paid for training and each day they work.

**Applications!!!**

Outside NYC Election Day Worker Form: https://www.elections.ny.gov/BecomePollworkerForm.html

NYC Election Day Worker Form: https://nyc.electiondayworker.com/
ELECTION POSITION:

A great way to earn money AND be involved in the Electoral process!

POSITION: EXIT POLLSTER(s) for the General Election

LOCATION(s): Ellenville, Ulster County

DUTIES: Pass out surveys, tally and call in results on Election Day. In preparation, brief training and rehearsal calls must be completed before the Election.

DATE: Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

TIME: 6:00AM - 9:00PM

PAY: $275 for the day

CONTACT: If you are interested or have any questions, email Geoff at gmoore@edisonresearch.com

Please include name, phone number, and location in any emails. I’ll be happy to answer any questions, and will provide a more detailed description via telephone.

EXIT POLLSTERS must be responsible, punctual and polite, with own transportation. PAID PROMPTLY after returned materials are processed.
Internship Opportunity

The United Nations is looking for a Public Information Intern for the Department of Global Communications.

Position: Public Information Intern

Department / Office: Department of Global Communications

Location: New York City

Posting Period: June 14, 2022 - Dec. 11, 2022

Some General Responsibilities

- Research UN and / or external information
- Collect and / or draft content
- Provide clerical assistance on administrative tasks
- Research, draft, and / or update on-line content for web sites and / or social media accounts
- Support web-based video conferences between offices
- Provide general office support

NYPIRG IS CO-HOSTING AN EVENT ON CAMPUS:

"SOCIAL SECURITY AND HOW WE SECURE ITS FUTURE"

Wednesday, November 2 in SUB 62/63 @ 4:00

Retirement in America is often described as a three-legged stool, the legs being Social Security, employer-based retirement programs and individual savings. Only half of workers are in jobs with an employer sponsored retirement program and about 13% of workers with individual savings, leaving Social Security as the most reliable form of retirement income for many Americans. In fact, without Social Security benefits an additional 22.2 million Americans would be living in poverty, including nearly a million children. It is America's largest anti-poverty program.

For as effective as the program is in keeping New Yorkers financially stable in old age, Social Security is losing money. As our population ages and more and more people retire, Social Security is paying out in benefits more than it collects in taxes. By 2034 the program will only be able to pay about 78% of benefits.

We need lawmakers to fund Social Security to keep it strong over the long term. Currently, workers pay taxes into the program on the first $146,000 in wages. Nothing above that is taxed. Removing the cap would eliminate a large portion of the funding gap. Introducing a tax on money made on investments would further reduce the shortfall. Another idea would be to gradually increase the current payroll tax rate.

Congress has many options to consider in securing the future of Social Security. But they must act now rather than wait until the program is on the brink of cuts. Beginning now would allow lawmakers to consider multiple fixes and to phase in measures so that covered workers and retirees have time to prepare for their future. Join us for a robust discussion!


For more information about this event please contact: Chris Bottini, cbottini@nypirg.org
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